

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT

PERMIT NO.: ST 8074

APPLICANT: Pondoray Shores Water and Sewer District
Pondoray Shores Road
Newport, WA 99156

FACILITY: Pondoray Shores
339 Open Skies Road
Newport, WA 99156

Pondoray Shores Water and Sewer District has applied for a modification of their State Waste Discharge permit for the Open Skies Resort in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Chapter 173-216 Washington Administrative Code (WAC). The Water and Sewer District presently operates a municipal collection system that discharges to a single-cell, earthen-lined lagoon. An upgrade of the facility that will result in an on-site treatment system to be installed was to have been completed in 2004. Construction of the system has been delayed due to the funding application process for a USDA Rural Development grant/loan package.

Modification of the permit includes:

- a three-year extension of submittal dates pertaining to ground water studies and an engineering report that will give the facility time to either complete the drainfield or complete the studies;
- elimination of the effluent monitoring requirements - the monitoring is conducted at the influent pump station and current effluent limits do not apply;
- elimination of the requirement for flow monitoring - existing flow meter is not in service and would require a substantial overhaul to put it in service. The meter will not be necessary when the drainfield system is in place;
- conclusion of monthly monitoring in September rather than October - the facility is seasonal and largely unoccupied during the winter months;
- monitoring for pH shall occur at the influent pump station.

The wastewater, following treatment, must meet the requirements of the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act and applicable regulations for a permit to be issued. A tentative determination has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/eastern_permits.html. The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Eastern Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Eastern Regional Office, please call the public records coordinator at (509) 329-3415, e-mail johh461@ecy.wa.gov, or write to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

Permit Coordinator
Department of Ecology
N. 4601 Monroe Street
Spokane, WA 99205

E-mail comments should be sent to Cynthia Wall - cywa461@ecy.wa.gov.

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The request should be sent to the above address. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. Ecology is an equal opportunity agency. If you need this publication in an alternate format, please contact us at (509) 329-3537 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at 711 or 1-800-833-6388.